Short Line Safety Institute Advisory Board

Chuck Baker – Partner, Chambers, Conlon & Hartwell. Mr. Baker represents the National Railroad Construction & Maintenance Association (NRCMA), OneRail Coalition, ASLRRA, and other transportation entities. He also serves as the president of NRCMA and in that position he has responsibility for that association’s core financial, operational, and legal programs, including its federal legislative and regulatory programs.

David A. Brown – Chief Operating Officer, Genesee & Wyoming, Inc. Mr. Brown was appointed COO in October 2012. From 2010 to early 2012, Mr. Brown was Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of CSX Transportation. He was Chief Transportation Officer for CSX from 2006 to 2010 and, prior to that, served 25 years with Norfolk Southern in roles ranging from strategic planning to the integration of the Conrail acquisition.

Karen Folino – Global Commercial Leader, GE Transportation. Ms. Folino has had a varied career in the rail industry with tenure at both railroads and suppliers to the industry. Previously, she served as Railinc’s Assistant Vice President of Commercial, VP at The Nielsen Company, Sr. Director at ConAgra Foods, Logistics.com, CSX Transportation and BNSF. Her leadership expertise includes change management, functional expertise in process implementation, structural organization and technology implementation.

Mitchell Harris – Director Safety, Training & Rules Compliance, Rio Grande Pacific Corporation. Mr. Harris serves as the chief safety officer for RGP with responsibility to develop the safety policies and procedures for the four RGP railroads and oversee the application of them. He is a long-time member of the ASLRRA Safety & Training Committee, currently serving as its Vice Chairman. During his tenure on the Committee, he has been an integral part of the team that helped design and implement the Short Line Safety Institute.

Robert Grimaila – VP of Safety and Environment Union Pacific, Retired. Mr. Grimaila has a long history of implementing safety culture improvement efforts in conjunction with the FRA Office of Research and Development. He started the first peer-to-peer safety and observation program that involved sound statistical analysis of observations and corrective actions in a difficult environment after a series of railroad accidents in the San Antonio area. Following this,

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he led the implementation first pilot site for the near-miss reporting system in conjunction with the FRA Office of R&D.

*Professor David Hofmann, – Hugh L. McColll Distinguished Professor and Area Chair of Organizational Behavior University of North Carolina.* Dr. Hofmann is a researcher and teacher in organizational behavior and leadership. Dr. Hofmann is the academic director of the Leadership Initiative chair of the organizational behavior area at UNC Kenan-Flagler, and is a fellow of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology and the American Psychological Society. Dr. Hofmann earned his PhD in industrial and organizational psychology from Pennsylvania State University.

*Mike Lowenger – Vice President of Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Railway Association of Canada.* Mr. Lowenger’s responsibilities at RAC include the coordination of rule-making for member railways, safety advocacy and support in the areas of safety, security, and regulatory affairs. He is also Chair of the Operation Lifesaver Advisory Board in Canada and is a board member of the International Heavy Haul Association. Prior to his current position Lowenger served as RAC’s Vice President of Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

*Alan Maples – President, Everett Railroad Company.* Mr. Maples has served on the ASLRRRA Board of Directors, the Executive Committee of the Keystone State Railroad Association, and the Norfolk Southern Short Line Caucus. Everett is a Class III common carrier railroad offering carload freight service in the Allegheny Mountains region, Blair County, Pennsylvania.

*Tom Murta – Assistant Vice President of Operations Compliance, CSX Transportation.* Mr. Murta is responsible for train accident and personal injury reporting, human performance evaluation and tool ergonomics, locomotive engineer and conductor certification and the operating department’s regulatory and policy compliance monitoring functions across the company’s 21,000-mile network. Murta’s career in safety, security, emergency management and crisis planning spans more over 28 years, in both the public and private sectors.

*Jonathan D. Thomas - Sr. Director, Research and Safety Management Solutions Group, National Safety Council.* Mr. Thomas directs all phases of the Council’s high value Workplace consulting services for members and clients, including employee perception surveys, safety management system assessments, and other workplace safety and health related consulting.

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He has primary responsibility for providing field consulting services to Council members and clients in regard to safety management system metrics. Thomas is also an adjunct faculty member at Roosevelt University in Chicago, where he teaches advanced research methods, statistics, and applied methods in the psychology department.